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DAIRY NOTES.

Our farming is shifting to a new basis. The cow will occupy the most prominent position upon it. The State will in a few years value the dairy cows as the most desirable and profitable asset.

The night's cream can be set in the spring or the ice tank to cool off until next morning. But the morning's cream which is shipped the same morning that it is separated, should be cooled before shipping. Mixing with cold cream should be avoided. But if mixing is unavoidable the morning's cream must first be cooled. We have found the milk cooler and areator the best for this purpose. It is a little extra work, a little more washing, a little more care but it pays. It pays because such cream is longer lived and will reach its destination sweet and in good condition. Where the creamery "docks" for sour cream the difference soon pays for the extra trouble.

The sale of the herd of pure bred Jersey cattle owned by the late N. F. Berry, of Lexington, Ky., was a success. Seventy-five head of home-bred and imported stock averaged \$135.50. Seven bulls averaged \$255.00. Forty-five cows averaged \$135.55; six two-year-old cows averaged \$171.66; four yearling heifers averaged \$203.75. The highest priced cow (Golden Fern's Sensation) brought \$2,250.00, and the highest priced bull (Bobbys Shy Fox) brought \$550.00.

Not Too Late Yet.—Provide for late green fodder by planting a field now. Corn planted as late as July 4th will, with anything like a fair season, make a good crop and furnish an abundance of rich, succulent feed for the herd at a time when pastures are dry and the cows crave a bite of something green. Under the stimulus of the hot summer weather cow peas will make a rapid growth even if planted as late as the first part of July. They are very suitable as a catch crop after the oat crop has been taken off the field. The black cow peas are the best for this purpose.

The healthy progress which the dairy industry is making in this State is evidenced by the increasing number of herds of pure bred cattle; by the introduction, at great cost, of breeds new to our State; by the activity in silo building; the construction of better barns. Men of limited means are cutting loose from the old ways of farming and are cautiously embarking upon the new industry. The renter, whose only idea of farming heretofore consisted of "cropping" is now turning his attention to the cow as a redeemer of his fortunes. He has learned by this time that with the ownership of live stock with its production and increase comes prosperity.

Will You Accept The Offer.

The Rev. T. T. Eaton, a prominent Baptist pastor of Louisville, and the editor of the Western Recorder, offers a reward of \$100 to any one who will tell him of a single new truth in theology discovered since 1850. Here is an opportunity for some one who has discovered a new "gospel truth" to earn a substantial reward.

Pinch Now.

Grape vines should have the ends of the vine pinched off at the second joint beyond the first berry cluster. This throws more of the strength into the remaining vine. It also helps the development of larger berries and better shaped clusters.

Haying By Telephone.

Mr. A. H. Bates, whose farm is five miles west of Topeka, relates how, with the help of Uncle Sam's weather service, the telephone, and perhaps, other modern conveniences, he succeeded in getting his first crop of alfalfa all in the barn before the rain began to fall. He had read Observer Jennings' forecast and was rushing the hauling as rapidly as possible. Just as the first load after noon had been placed in the barn, the hook which attached the horsefork pulley under the comb of the barn roof broke. If a man were sent to town for a new one, so much time would be consumed that it would not be possible to get all of the hay in before night. But Mr. Bates stepped to the telephone and asked the dealer in Topeka to send out a boy with the desired hook, "and send him quick." By the time the wagons were again loaded the hook was at the barn. While the last forkful of the last load was passing through the door a loud clap of thunder broke overhead and just as the fork dropped its load the heavy drops of rain beat upon the roof. The telephone paid for itself that day.—Kansas Farmer.

White Plymouth Rocks.

White Plymouth Rocks are too well known to need a detailed description. They are the ideal fowls for general purposes. With pure white plumage, compact well-fleshed bodies and white pin feathers, they are very perfectly adapted to market purposes. Being quite good layers, steady and reliable sitters and careful mothers,

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there does not seem to be anything lacking in them to make them great favorites, and this they surely are.

White Plymouth Rock hens have made some wonderful records, one hen of this breed having an undisputed record of more than 250 eggs in a year, and with proper care in selecting the best layers, anyone can in a few years breed up a strain of this variety that will equal any other breed in the number of eggs produced.

We have been breeding White Plymouths for a good many years, and have found them popular with our customers. Our strain breeds very true to shape, and always produces pure white fowls.

Our White Plymouth Rocks are up to the standard weight, and we have bred them so as to avoid any of the Leghorn tails and necks that are often seen in this breed.

When the hog pasture begins to burn out with the coming of summer, look out! That sow and pigs which have been so full fed during all this rainy season will disappoint you if you allow the change to fall on them too suddenly. They are soft and easily hurt just now. See to it that they get shade and some green stuff, even if you must cut and carry it to them early each morning. A cultivated pasture is better. Dry weather brings lice, dust and disease in its train. Pigs receive a check in growth and disease is invited to enter the herd under these conditions.

Poultry Notes.

Hay absorbs everything which it comes in contact more readily than straw, therefore it makes better material for spreading on the floors.

Fowls are so evidently profitable, that every family that can do so has a few fowls of some kind. They pay for themselves many times during the year.

It is claimed that eggs are about 80 per cent water. Laying hens need all the water they can drink. It is as impossible for them to manufacture eggs without water as it is for the cow to produce milk without water.

A mixture of all kinds of grain, broken into small pieces, is the best for the young and growing chick. The same mixture of the grain whole will be a model food for the fowls. Do not over supply them with fattening food. Corn and such fattening grains produce fat and heat. Wheat and oats are almost a natural egg-forming ration.

Now that warm weather has come, it is necessary to provide shade for the chickens, for the young ones as well as the old, and in the shaded places should their feed be given them, otherwise they will lie in the shade all day and refuse to come out in the sun to be fed. Their drinking water should be in a cool place and replenished with fresh, cool water two or three times a day.

Potato Bug Eating Bird.

Frank Collidy, a gardner of Vermillion county, Ill., claims to have discovered a potato-bug eating bird which he is confident is a new species to Illinois, says a dispatch from Bloomington, Ill. Although Mr. Collidy is well acquainted with the tribe of avis, he never remembers of seeing or hearing of such a species. The bird resembles a quail, but has a red spot on its breast. He has been watching several of the visitors of late, and was surprised to note the avidity with which they devoured the potato bugs in his garden. They have proven so active in this direction that he and his hired men have been left free to devote their time to other work. He is hopeful that the new species will increase, as they will be invaluable aids to farmers and others who seek to grow potatoes. He says that most birds ignore the potato bugs for some reason, and, as a result, the potato grower has been forced to wage the war of extermination alone.

Ben Profits.

A farmer in the Berkshire hills calculated on a profit of three dollars a year on every hen. He hatches the chickens in April, which is the best month in the year in which to hatch medium-sized breeds. He makes production of cost for market the foundation of profit and strives to have eggs to sell in November and December. He carries but few old hens over winter, relying on the pullets for winter laying. This friend of mine claims to have averaged 170 eggs each hen yearly, producing eggs at a cost of not far from ten cents a dozen.—Prairie Farmer.

Valuable Find.

An old safe which had been used in a bank at Burkeville, Ky., during the war, but which has stood in the vault since without being opened on account of the key having been lost, was opened a few days ago and found to contain \$2,000 in gold, a gold watch and a half gallon of whiskey.

Blessed is the sorrow that cures of selfishness.

Eggs In Commerce.

A poultry farm, whether ducks, geese, chickens or turkeys be the specialty, accumulates a large and malodorous surplus of eggs that refused to develop into fowl. The average person would suppose that if there is anything on earth that is utterly worthless it is a stale egg. Millions of stale eggs are used every year in preparing leather dressing for gloves and book-binding—an industry that is largely carried on in the foreign tenement houses of New York and other large cities. They are also used in manufacturing disinfectants and in the preparation of shoe-blackings, and even the shells are made into fertilizers. The eggs that have not yet lost their virtue also have other uses besides the more common ones for culinary purposes. It is estimated that fully 55,000,000 dozen are used by wine clarifiers, dye manufacturers, and in the preparation of photographers' dry plates.

New Method.

An exchange prints a story about the ladies in its community having discovered a new method of churning. The housewives spoken of by this exchange have abandoned the old arm breaking up and down churn and now use glass jars in which to get their butter. The cream is simply put in a self-sealing fruit jars and shaken in the hands until the butter is done, which usually requires only a few days, when most of the contents of the jar are found to be solid butter. The only objection to this method is that there is no butter-milk, which our contemporary regards as a serious drawback to pigs and lymphatic husbands.

Trees when transplanted may die from lack of moisture. The advantage of planting in the fall is that the heavy rains carry the earth in and around the roots and moisture is plentiful. Excessively cold, drying winds, however, are injurious. If possible, very young trees should be staked. Early fall is an excellent time for transplanting. Rootlets will grow until frost stops them. A newly set tree wants all the rootlets it can get. No matter how well we may work the earth in around the rootlets there will be many where earth does not touch, but the growing rootlet pushes in, and the earth is in contact over its whole surface.—Inland Farmer.

Don't Let Baby Cry.

When baby cries, something is probably wrong with its stomach, or other digestive organs, and no time should be lost in giving it a small dose of Dr. Caldwell's (laxative) Syrup Pepsin. This is the only safe laxative medicine for Babies and Children, and should always be kept in the house. It contains no injurious ingredients, and can do nothing but good. Try it. Sold by W. S. Lloyd at 50c and \$1.00. Money back if it fails.

Important Now.

Tall weeds and grass should not be allowed to grow beneath grape vines, especially in a damp rainy season, such as we are experiencing at present. The weeds and grass create considerable dampness and this favors fungus-growth which attacks the grape and causes rot.

Cruel Judge.

Just to keep peace in a family, a New York Magistrate has sentenced a man and his wife to refrain from speaking to each other.

Sulkiness is only self'sness turned sour.

Room For Chicks.

Close sleeping quarters are no more comfortable for chicks in hot weather than they are for people. Unfortunately, chicks do not know any better than to crowd. No matter how large the house may be they will bunch together, the weaker ones are crowded under, and the entire flock stunted more or less from the sweating process which goes on every night. Chickens do better in small flocks. This is where hen-raised chicks have the advantage over the brooder chickens—they are always in small families; at weaning time they roost together, taking in no new bed fellows unless unwisely forced to do so. Often in the fall the credit of their superiority is given to the hen, when the difference is only that of plenty of room in the one case against fifty to one hundred chicks in a crowd in the other. If it is necessary to house the chicks together in large numbers they should be separated at night into small flocks until they learn to roost.—Wallace's Farmer.

The full, well rounded development of a colt depends principally upon its feed during the first year and a half of its life. If the mare is a good milker the colt gets started naturally, but many mares are not good milkers and the colt requires additional feeding at an early age. In order to raise valuable colts it is necessary to watch their progress. It is easy to see when a colt is doing well. A stunted colt never makes a good horse. It is folly to go to the trouble and expense of raising a colt and neglect proper feeding, as this is the finishing without which the greater time, money and labor practically are thrown away.

Sentimental Outburst.

Figure it out on a rose leaf and write with the brew of a lily that nowhere under the great blue dome is there a creature half so pretty as a Kentucky woman. She is prettier than an evening star in the shadow of a summer sunset; more inspiring than a thousand songs and as bewitching as a fawn tangled in the vines of a wilderness of roses. She's our hope, our romance, our vine and fig tree—the light which enables us to see a million miles beyond the north star.—Springfield Sun.

End At The Beginning.

Every farmer boy wants to be a school teacher, every school teacher hopes to be an editor, every editor would like to be a banker, every banker would like to be a trust magnate, and every trust magnate hopes some day to own a farm and have chickens and cows and pigs and horses to look after. We end where we begin.—Farm Life.

An Indication of Love.

An exchange says: "The woman who can make good butter, darn socks to a frazzle, cook a good meal that tickles her husband, and keep the children's neck and ears clean, seldom figures in a divorce case."

What Principles.

The trouble with some people is that their principles are as unfixed as a straw stack in the path of a tornado.

Which?

When a man and a woman are made one, there is often a wonder as to which is the one.

Stomach Test.

The best thing on earth is a good woman, and the next best thing is a good dinner prepared by a good woman.

TAKE IT IN TIME.

Just as Scores of Mt. Sterling People Have.

Waiting doesn't pay. If you neglect the aching back, Urinary troubles, diabetes, surely follow. Doan's Kidney Pills relieve backache, Cure every kidney ill.

M. F. Enright, the well-known wholesale liquor dealer of Hallen avenue, Richmond, Ky., says: "Sharp aches and pains through the small of my back and across the kidneys were accompanied in my case with other unmistakable evidences of kidney disorders. My condition was so apparent to me that I searched high and low for relief, but seemed unable to find it until one lucky day a friend told me of Doan's Kidney Pills and acting upon his advice, I got a box. They righted all the irregularities and weaknesses of the kidneys, and I am therefore more than glad to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to others."

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BEER DUELS IN GERMANY.

Only Wondering Onlooker Sees Fun in Contests Carried On in Land of Teuton.

If the Rhodes scholar who had been describing to Chicago the Oxford system of "sconces" had gone on to a German university he would have found that the man who can drink a quart of beer without taking breath is not a hero, but only an ordinary student. At the German "kneipe"—or club meeting for the drinking of beer and the singing of students' songs—there is a special challenge to a Bier-Koenig (beer-king) contest. The huge pots are filled, the duellists face each other, and at the work of command they drink. The first who can invert an empty pot and splutter "Bier-Koenig" wins. A German student will bring pot and mouth to the intimate angle, and down goes the beer without a tremor of the throat. This, of course, gives no pleasure but to the wondering onlooker; it is merely an acrobatic feat.

Quenched Enthusiasm.

"He writes very uninteresting love letters," said the sentimental girl. "You mustn't blame him for that," answered Miss Cayenne. "He once served on the jury in a breach of promise case."—Washington Star.

Change of Punctuation.

Barber—Does this razor cut all right, sir? Victim—Well, it cuts, all right. Done it about eight times now.—Cleveland Leader.

Cans and Cants.

A man can sometimes retrieve a waste of wealth and health, but he can never retrieve a waste of time.

A Test.

A tall man often becomes short when you want to borrow some tools or money from him.

And Butter?

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